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Dear Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.138 and MPEP 711.01, Applicants hereby expressly abandon the above-mentioned U.S. patent application.

The expressly abandoned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/757,362 has an outstanding Office Action dated February 1, 2006.

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